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cylinder and the anilox roll contacts the ink form roll without directly contacting the first plate cylinder.

20. (New) The press as recited in claim 3 wherein the ink form roll contacts the first plate cylinder and the anilox roll contacts the ink form roll without directly contacting the first plate cylinder.

#### REMARKS

The drawings were objected to. Claims 1 to 18 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. Claims 1 to 18 were rejected under the judicially-created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting. Claims 1 to 18 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Richards. Claims 1, 2, 4, 14 and 17 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Volz. Claims 3, 5, 16 and 18 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over Volz in view of Murray. Claims 6 to 13 and 15 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over Volz in view of Puschnerat.

Claim 8 has been amended. Claims 19 and 20 have been added. Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

#### Drawing Objections

The drawings were objected to as not showing the blanket cylinders selectively contacting the plate cylinders, and the plate cylinder being thrown off the blanket cylinder.

It is respectfully submitted that Figs. 6 and 7 clearly show the blanket cylinder 138 selectively contacting the plate cylinder 136, and blanket cylinder 118 selectively contacting the plate cylinder 116. In Fig. 6, the blanket cylinder 138 is thrown off plate cylinder 136 so as not to contact the plate cylinder 136, and in Fig. 7, the blanket cylinder 138 is thrown on the plate cylinder 136 to contact the plate cylinder 136. The specification at page 8, line 4 et seq. describes these figures and the selective contact. Thus, selective contact is shown between the

blanket and plate cylinders, as is the throwing off of the blanket cylinder. "Throwing off" or "thrown off" is merely a common term of art in the printing industry which the cylinders no longer contact each other.

Withdrawal of the objections to the drawings is respectfully requested.

35 U.S.C. §112, Second Paragraph Rejection

Claims 1 to 18 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite.

It is again respectfully submitted that the selective contact claimed in claims 1 and 14 is clearly shown and described with respect to Figs. 6 and 7, for example. Throwing off methods for the blanket and plate cylinders described in the present application at page 8, for example, are well known to one of skill in the art. (See, e.g. Richards U.S. Patent No. 6,050,185 at line 3, col. 55 to 62).

It is respectfully submitted that the selective contact as claimed in claims 1 and 14 is definite.

Claim 8 has been amended to remove the functional language and to correct a typographical error. Applicants thank the Examiner for noticing this mistake and respectfully submit that claim 8 is now definite. (See also acceptable claims 11 and 13).

Withdrawal of the 35 U.S.C. § 112 rejection is respectfully requested.

Obviousness-Type Double Patenting

Claims 1 to 18 were rejected under the judicially-created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting over Richards

There is perhaps a misunderstanding of the anilox inkers of the present invention. Anilox inkers are inkers that have an anilox roll, which is a special type of roll with cells having a filling volume. Anilox inkers are special short inkers with different driving requirements, and their use on the printing press of Richards is not at all obvious.

Richards does not claim or disclose an anilox inker at all, and the claims of the present invention are narrower than Richards in this respect. Withdrawal of the double patenting rejection is respectfully requested.

#### 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) Rejections

Claims 1 to 18 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Richards.

Independent claims 1 and 14 recite first and second anilox inkers. As discussed above with respect to obviousness-type double patenting, Richards does not show or disclose an anilox inker at all, and withdrawal of the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) is respectfully requested.

Claims 1, 2, 4, 14 and 17 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Volz.

Volz discloses an offset printing press having independently driven printing cylinders. Volz discloses neither a thrown-off printing cylinder nor anilox inkers. In fact, the inkers of Volz are conventional inkers with ductor rollers D, vibrator rollers HW and districution rollers R. (See col. 6, lines 1 to 14 of Volz).

Withdrawal of the rejection to independent claims 1 and 14 and dependent claims 2, 4 and 17 is respectfully requested.

With further respect to claim 2 and 17, no anilox roll is shown in the applied prior art.

#### 35 U.S.C. § 103 Rejections

Claims 3, 5, 16 and 18 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over Volz in view of Murray. Claims 6 to 13 and 15 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over Volz in view of Puschnerat.

With respect to these rejections, these claims all depend from independent claims 1 or 14 discussed above. It is respectfully submitted that none of the prior art references teaches or discloses modifying Volz to provide an anilox inker. Neither Murray nor Puschnerat disclose Withdrawal of the rejections to dependent claims 3, 5 to 13, 15 and 16 is respectfully requested.

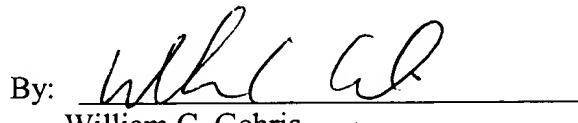
In addition, with further respect to claims 3 and 18, Murray does not disclose a same diameter ink form roll and plate cylinder. The plate cylinder diameter of Murray is independent of the ink roller diameter, as discussed in Murray at col. 5, line 39. Murray thus teaches away from similar diameter ink form rolls and plate cylinders, as no significance is placed on the diameter of the ink roller with respect to the plate cylinder.

CONCLUSION

It is respectfully submitted that the application is now in condition for allowance and applicants respectfully request such action.

Respectfully submitted,

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ADDENDUM SHOWING CLAIM CHANGES

8. (Amended) The press as recited in claim 1 wherein the first plate cylinder is [capable of being] thrown off of the first blanket cylinder while the second plate cylinder continues a printing operation.